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SUBJ: PCE LAWYERS REPORTEDLY EXPLORE SOME OF THE PARTY'S
OWN INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS

1. ACCORDING TO THE MADRID PRESS, 60 LAWYERS BELONGING TO
THE PCE'S "ORGANIZATION OF LAWYERS" MET ON MARCH 31 TO CONSIDER
A DOCUMENT WHICH WAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CRITICAL OF THE PCE'S
LACK OF INTERNAL DEMOCRACY. THE DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "INTRODUCTION
OF THE COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS TO THE PLENARY OF THE ORGANIZATION,"
REPORTEDLY WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 40 IN FAVOR, 10
OPPOSED, AND 10 ABSTENTIONS. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT IT
STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT:

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2. "WE HAVE ALL OFTEN READ THAT CLANDESTINITY IMPOSED A
CERTAIN PREDOMINANCE OF CENTRALISM OVER DEMOCRACY, AND
THAT THIS SITUATION WOULD END WITH LEGALITY. BUT NOW
WE ARE ALMOST LEGAL AND, NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST LAMENT
THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN 'DEMOCRATIC CRITERIA',
BUT JUST THE OPPOSITE."

3. "TODAY, WITH THE PARTY LEADERSHIP INSIDE SPAIN, WITH A CERTAIN (GOVERNMENTAL) TOLERANCE OF OUR ACTIVITIES, AND WITH BETTER MATERIAL WORKING CONDITIONS, NECESSARY CRITERIA OF INTERNAL DEMOCRACY HAVE NOT BEEN REINFORCED; QUITE THE CONTRARY."

4. "WE ARE AWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF A SITUATION OF TRANSITION, OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED WHEN A PARTY PASSES FROM CLANDESTINITY TO BECOME A MASS PARTY, BUT EVEN SO, IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FROM THIS POINT ON TO ATTUNE OUR INTERNAL STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIPS TO THE NEW SITUATION AND THE NEW DEMANDS OF A PARTY OF THE MASSES..." CERTAIN THINGS, "SUCH AS CARRILLO'S INTERVENTIONS BEFORE PARTY CADRES WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED ANY POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSION," ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

5. "WE PROPOSE AS A THEME OF ANALYSIS IN THIS PROBLEM OF ACHIEVING COMPLETELY FUNCTIONING (INTERNAL) DEMOCRACY. NOT AT ODDS WITH BUT COMPLEMENTARY TO CENTRAL-
IS21 THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:"

-- DEMOCRATIC ELECTION OF ALL DIRECTIVE ORGANS OF THE PARTY, AVOIDING APPOINTMENTS FOR LIFE (CRITERIOS VITALICIOS)...WHILE PROMOTING NEW CADRES, MAINTAINING A POLICY OF THE CONTINUOUS FORMATION OF CADRES."

-- "PARTICIPATION OF ALL MILITANTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ELABORATION OF THE PARTY'S POLICY WHILE VALUING CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM NOT AS SOMETHING 'INEVIT-
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ABLE' BUT AS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION."

-- GREATER OPENNESS IN THE REACHING AND DISSEMINATION OF POLITICAL JUDGMENTS AND DECISIONS AND THE AVOIDANCE OF ANY POLICY OF CONFRONTING THE PARTY WITH 'FAITS ACCOMPLIS' OR OTHER MANIPULATIONS.

6. AS THE RESULT OF REFERENCES TO THE DOCUMENT IN THE PRESS, 11 PURPORTED SIGNERS HAVE SENT A NOTE TO THE MADRID MEDIA IN WHICH THEY DENOUNCE THIS "ATTEMPTED MANIPULATION" OF THE DOCUMENT AND CHARGE INTELLECTUAL DISHONESTY IN "CONVERTING WORKING MATERIALS INTO FALSE SITUATIONS, TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, OF OPPOSITION BY OUR ORGANIZATION TO THE LINE AND BEHAVIOR OF OUR PARTY." THE NOTE, HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY DOES NOT DENY THE DOCUMENT'S EXISTENCE.

7. COMMENT: THIS DOCUMENT MAY REPRESENT THE RUMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S YOUNGER GENERATION AS THEY

IMPATIENTLY CONTEMPLATE THE STAYING POWER AND HEAVY
HANDED TACTICS OF THE PCE'S LARGELY ELDERLY LEADERSHIP.
IT ALSO APPEARS TO TESTIFY TO ONE OF THE OBVIOUS DANG-
ERS TO CARRILLO OF HIS EUROCOMMUNIST PROFESSIONS: SOME
EVEN IN HIS OWN PARTY MAY BEGIN TO EXPECT HIM AND THE
LEADERSHIP TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR DEMOCRATIC
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